

**Minutes of the Grinnell City Council Meeting
Monday, February 6, 2006**

The City Council of the City of Grinnell met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Grinnell Community Center, 927 4th Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 6, 2006. Mayor Canfield presided.

Roll Call: PRESENT: McNaul, Wright, Worley, Witt, Wilson, White.
 ABSENT: None.

PERFECTING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to approve the Agenda and the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Wilson, Witt, Worley, Wright. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Previous minutes as drafted from the Tuesday, January 17, 2006 Regular Session.
- B. Approval of the Class BC Liquor License Renewal for Almost Always Open, 1031 West Street.
- C. Approval of the Class BC Liquor License Renewal for Fareway Stores, Inc. #737, 1020 Spring Street.
- D. Approval of the request for waiver of fees submitted by the Grinnell Human Rights Commission for use of the B.G. Voertman Theatre on April 4, 2006 from 5:30 – 9:30 pm for the Making Our Schools Safe for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Students. (Deposit fees will still apply.)

Worley requested further review for waiver of fees for the Grinnell Human Rights Commission. He pointed out the Commission is city appointed board and should not be required to pay fees. Further, Worley stated this program is being implemented all over the nation to ensure students are treated equally and have a safe environment to learn and grow.

Moved by WORLEY, second by WITT, to authorize the city to act as a co-sponsor for the forum that will address "Making Our Schools Safe for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Students." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Worley, Witt, Wright, Wilson, McNaul, Wright. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF THE POLICE CAPTAIN:

Mayor Canfield presented Captain Tim Sittig with a certificate of completion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. The academy is an eleven week course of study for US and international law enforcement leaders that serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide.

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS:

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to approve payment of the claims where funds are available. Roll Call Vote: White, McNaul, Wilson, Wright, Worley, Witt. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Canfield opened the public hearing In regard to a change of zone request submitted by Grinnell Enterprises, LLC at 7:08 pm. Hage noted that no comments or objections had been received prior to the meeting. Canfield requested comments and objections from the citizens present. There were none.

Moved by WHITE, second by WORLEY, to close the public hearing at 7:09 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Worley, McNaul, Witt, Wright, Wilson. Motion carried.

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WORLEY, to introduce and conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 1264: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 774 BY CHANGING CERTAIN DISTRICTS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP." (The ordinance refers to the 6.608 acres in the city of Grinnell, Iowa owned by Grinnell Enterprises, LLC.) Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McNaul, Worley, Witt, White, Wilson, Wright. Motion carried.

Mayor Canfield opened the public hearing In regard to the specifications and proposed form of contract for the purchase of a truck mounted combination Catch Basin and High Pressure Cleaner at 7:10 pm. Hage noted that no comments or objections had been received prior to the meeting. Canfield requested comments and objections from the citizens present. There were none.

Moved by WITT, second by WORLEY, to close the public hearing at 7:11 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, Worley, White, Wright, McNaul, Wilson. Motion carried.

Moved by WITT, second by WHITE, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2917: "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, ESTIMATE OF COST AND FORM OF CONTRACT (Catch Basin and High Pressure Cleaner.)" Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, White, Wilson, McNaul, Wright, Worley. Motion carried.

Moved by WITT, second by MCNAUL, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2918: "A RESOLUTION MAKING AWARD OF AN EQUIPMENT CONTRACT – CATCH BASIN AND HIGH PRESSURE CLEANER." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, McNaul, Wilson, White, Worley, Wright. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- A. Finance Committee: January 17, 2006
- B. Planning Committee: January 17, 2006
- C. Public Works and Grounds Committee: January 17 and 24, 2006
- D. Public Safety Committee: January 18, 2006
- E. Stewart Library: January 24, 2006
- F. POW I-80: January Financials
- G. Grinnell Tourism: January 18, 2006, December and January Financials
- H. Human Rights Commission: January 17, 2006
- I. Recreation Board: February 1, 2006
- J. Grinnell Low Rent Housing Authority: January 5, 2006

- K. Thank You: Grinnell League of Women Voters, Grinnell Fire Department Annual Report, Mr. Kevin Kopelson – concerns in regard to an alley.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- A. Report from the Finance Committee.
- Review the request by the Van Horn Park Committee to accept charitable contributions.

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT, to proceed with accepting donations on behalf of the Van Horn Park Committee for improvements to the Van Horn Park. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, McNaul, Worley, Wright, Wilson. Motion carried.

- Discuss Economic Development Project with POW I-80.

White stated Grinnell is still a viable candidate for the location of the rain forest. The city is investigating options for financial participation. Staff will continue to work with the developers.

- Review of the FY07 revenue projections.

Staff continues to move forward on the preparation of the FY07 budget projections. Behrens requested a meeting for the Finance Committee on Friday, February 9, 2006 at 7:30 am to review the recommendations. The committee agreed.

- Review of the requests for assistance from the Campbell Fund.

The requests were approved as presented.

White noted one committee inquiry in regard to the progress of the Rural Fire Association contract negotiations.

- B. Report from the Planning Committee.
- Update in regard to the Highway 146 South Task Force.

This item remains under review by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Planning Committee will hopefully make a recommendation for action on the draft document at the next regular meeting. Worley had hoped the information would be available to the public for at least a month prior to taking any action; however the speed of the development on the corridor merits the plan moving along without delay. Because these changes have been proposed as an ordinance, it will require readings at three separate meetings over a total of six weeks. The committee agreed by consensus this would allow ample time for public comment.

- Discussion in regard to the proposed voluntary annexations for Highway 146 South.

The annexation of property along the Highway 146 South corridor will proceed on the 80/20 approach along with those who have opted to participate voluntarily. The city continues to discuss including the remaining Renaud property as part of this process. The city is awaiting direction from legal counsel.

- Review of the Strategic Planning Meeting Summary.

Worley stated a review of the strategic planning meeting has been prepared and will be reviewed by each committee prior to the next regular session.

C. Report from the Public Works and Grounds Committee.

- Schedule the public hearing in regard to the plans, specifications, form of contract and cost for the Grinnell Trail Project (STP-E-3127(610)—8V-79.) for Monday, February 20, 2006 at 7:00 pm.

Moved by WITT, second by MCNAUL, to schedule the public hearing in regard to the plans, specifications, form of contract and cost for the Grinnell Trail Project (STP-E-3127(610)—8V-79.) for Monday, February 20, 2006 at 7:00 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, McNaul, Wright, Wilson, White, Worley. Motion carried.

- Schedule the public hearing in regard to the specifications for the purchase of one new Hook Lift unit, reversible snow plow, sander unit, and dump body for Monday, February 20, 2006 at 7:00 pm receiving bids until 1:00 pm on Friday, February 17, 2006.

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- Approval of Pay Request No. 1 in regard to the AWOS Installation.

Moved by WITT, second by MCNAUL, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2919: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CONTRACTOR'S PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,803.70 TO DICKINSON COMPANY, INC. OF OSKALOOSA, IOWA FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE AWOS INSTALLATION." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, McNaul, Worley, Wright, Wilson, White. Motion carried.

- Approval of Change Order No. 1 in regard to the Chemical Feed System Improvements.

Moved by WITT, second by MCNAUL, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2920: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH E.B. SPENCER ENGINEERING CO. OF JANESVILLE, IOWA FOR AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115.00 FOR THE CHEMICAL FEED SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, McNaul, Wilson, White, Wright, Worley. Motion carried.

- Approval of Pay Request No.1 in regard to the Grinnell Veterinary Clinic Sanitary Sewer Extension.

Moved by WITT, second by MCNAUL, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2921: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CONTRACTOR'S PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,466.98 TO SCHOON CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF GRINNELL, IOWA FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE GRINNELL VETERINARY CLINIC SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt,

McNaul, White, Worley, Wright, Wilson. Motion carried.

- Discussion in regard to the request by 6West, LLC for the paving of an alley.

Staff will prepare a cost estimate for the paving of the alley. This item will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for further discussion prior to a recommendation from the Public Works and Grounds Committee.

- Discussion in regard to the request by Mr. Darwin Kinne for the installation of 6" sewer main.

Staff will prepare cost estimates for the construction of a sewer main. There are several considerations that need to be made prior to recommending a method of construction.

- Update in regard to the E-Waste Collection completed on January 7, 2006.

Witt commented the event was very successful and planning is ongoing for the next collection date in May, 2006.

- Update in regard to the storm water utility information.

Staff continues to prepare information for council review in regard to the implementation of a storm water utility.

- Discussion in regard to compost and brush management.

The Planning Committee will participate in a joint session with the Public Works and Grounds Committee to review this issue at their next regular session.

D. Report from the Public Safety Committee

(Please Note: This meeting was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2006.)

- Review the request by St. Paul's Episcopal Church for the designation of two handicap parking spaces for Sundays only.

The committee requested Neff work with the church to assist them in improving their parking and sidewalks; however the committee does not support the permanent placement of a sign. The committee recommended the use of a roll out sign for Sundays and other church functions as needed.

- Review of the proposal for construction of a memorial at the Public Safety Building.

This item remains under consideration by the committee.

- Review of the no parking designations on the south side 10th Avenue from Park Street to East Street.

The committee requested staff meet with representatives from the college to improve traffic flow on 10th Avenue due to complications related to snow removal. This item remains under consideration by the committee.

- Update in regard to the research conducted on the intersection of 4th Avenue and Park Street.

The committee reviewed the information in regard to the improving visibility at the intersection. The committee is confident the current signage and markings are adequate.

Wilson informed the council of a Public Safety Meeting with the rural association and township representatives in regard to the initial phases of fire service contract negotiations. The committee will work with Mr. George Oster to assist in this process. The negotiations will continue with the city being represented by Canfield, Wilson and Behrens. The committee will continue to report on this item as it moves forward.

E. Mayor's Committee Appointment Recommendations:

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WORLEY, to approve the Mayor's recommendation and appoint Dave Thompson and Janet Alexander to the Grinnell Human Rights Commission. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McNaul, Worley, Wright, Wilson, Witt, Wright. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCE:

Moved by WHITE, second by WORLEY, to introduce and read Ordinance No. 1265: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 13, SECTION 13-508 (PARKING RESTRICTIONS.)" (This ordinance refers to additional no parking provision near Fairview School.) Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Worley, Witt, McNaul, Wilson, Wright. Motion carried.

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by WITT, second by WORLEY to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2922: "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS SUBMITTED FOR PROPERTY AND REQUEST TAX EXEMPTION FOR THIS IMPROVEMENT ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 404 OF THE STATE CODE (Jamey Lee Gibson and Patricia Louise Gibson, 1304 Patricia Avenue.)" Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, Worley, McNaul, Wright, Wilson, White. Motion carried.

INQUIRIES: None.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

Behrens commented in regard to a recent meeting with the Poweshiek Water Association. A consensus has been reached for the agreement. The only item that remains is the boundary of the area the city will purchase. The association has violated Iowa Administrative Code by not providing notice to the city of a new connection. The city intends to more clearly define obligations of communication for future development.

Staff did meet with the county in regard to Local Option Sales Tax. The committee seems very interested in pursuing the tax and will meet again in March.

ADJOURN:

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to adjourn this regular session of the Grinnell City Council at 7:45 pm. Vote: (6) ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Gordon Canfield, Mayor

Cassandra R. Hage, City Clerk